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SUBJECT: PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA AMBASSADOR TAKES
KEEN INTEREST IN CSCE AND NATO

1. AT MOROCCAN NATIONAL DAY RECEPTION MARCH THREE,
PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA (PRC) AMBASSADOR, SHIH
TZU-MING SOUGHT ME OUT AND ENGAGED ME IN A LENGTHY
CONVERSATION ABOUT CSCE AND PRESIDENT NIXON ATTENDING
NATO MEETING.

2. TZU-MING WAS PARTICULARLY INTERESTED IN AN ASSESS-
MENT OF HOW THE CSCE SECOND STATE TALKS WERE PROGRESS-
ING AND WHETHER ANYTHING OF SIGNIFICANCE WOULD COME
OUT OF THEM. WHEN I TOLD HIM THAT PROGRESS APPEARED
TO BE SLOW AND THAT MANY STICKY ITEMS REMAINED UN-
SOLVED, WHICH WOULD REQUIRE THE SOVIETS TO MAKE
SOME COMPROMISES ALONG WITH OTHERS, TZU-MING APPEAR-
ED DELIGHTED. I MENTIONED, AMONG OTHER POINTS, SUCH
QUESTIONS AS FREEDOM OF MOVEMENT OF PEOPLE, POINTING
OUT THAT IT SEEMED TO BE STRONGLY OBJECTED TO BY THE
SOVIETS AND OF CONSIDERABLE IMPORTANCE TO SEVERAL
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EUROPEAN COUNTRIES. IN REPLY TO HIS QUESTION OF MY

PERSONAL OPINION OF THE CSCE, I TOLD TZU-MING THAT
UNLESS THERE WAS SOME PROGRESS ON THE FREEDOM OF
MOVEMENT OF PEOPLE, I WOULD SEE THE RESULTS AS LESS
THAN TRULY MEANINGFUL.

3. TZU-MING THEN TURNED TO NATO, ASKING WHETHER
PRESIDENT NIXON'S COMING TO EUROPE PRIMARILY TO
ATTEND THE NATO MEETING INDICATED INCREASED NATO
COHESION. I REPLIED THAT ALTHOUGH A EUROPEAN TRIP
HAD BEEN THOUGHT ABOUT FOR SOME TIME, I HAD NO
SPECIFIC INFORMATION CONFIRMING THE PRESIDENT'S
SUPPOSED NATO MEETING PRESENCE.
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